



THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY: The Law - Striving for More

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¹ Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai.

² After breaking camp at Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp there at the base of Mount Sinai. ³ Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God.

The LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians.

You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.'

This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."⁷ So Moses returned from the mountain and called together the elders of the people and told them everything the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ And all the people responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has commanded."

So Moses brought the people's answer back to the LORD.

Exodus 19:1-8 NLT

What is the Law in the Bible? - 3 Meanings in the New Testament

- First 5 books of the Old Testament
- Entire Old Testament
- Commandments of God and the traditions of religious leaders

The Law was given to show our inability to keep God's commandments.

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

Romans 3:19 NLT

The Law was also given to show us a way to stay in relationship with God.

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, ²“Suppose one of you sins against your associate and is unfaithful to the LORD. Suppose you cheat in a deal involving a security deposit, or you steal or commit fraud, ³or you find lost property and lie about it, or you lie while swearing to tell the truth, or you commit any other such sin. ⁴If you have sinned in any of these ways, you are guilty. You must give back whatever you stole, or the money you took by extortion, or the security deposit, or the lost property you found, ⁵or anything obtained by swearing falsely. You must make restitution by paying the full price plus an additional 20 percent to the person you have harmed. On the same day you must present a guilt offering. ⁶As a guilt offering to the LORD, you must bring to the priest your own ram with no defects, or you may buy one of equal value. ⁷Through this process, the priest will purify you before the LORD, making you right with him, and you will be forgiven for any of these sins you have committed.”

Leviticus 6:1-7 NLT

The Law prepared us and kept us until Jesus came to set us free.

²³Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. ²⁴Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. ²⁵And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian. ²⁶For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:23-26 NLT

¹Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ²They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³And that’s the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

Galatians 4:1-3 NLT

In the Old Testament, the sheep died for the shepherd. In the New Testament, the Shepherd died for the sheep.

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Galatians 4:4-7 NLT